

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method for restricting use of a clipboard application, the method comprising:

receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first source application;

storing the designated content to the clipboard application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, wherein the secured file cannot be accessed without ~~a priori knowledge~~ a file key available to an authenticated user, wherein said determining is performed by one or more computers; and

preventing subsequent usage of the designated content in a second destination application via the clipboard application if it is determined that the source file is the secured file.

2. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, further comprising receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application.

3. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 2, wherein the paste selection requests to paste the designated content to a destination file that is opened within the destination application.

4. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 2, wherein the copy selection is a copy command, and wherein the paste selection is a paste command.

5. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the determining operates to determine that the source file is the secured file based on security information provided by the first source application.

6. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 5, wherein the security information pertains to the source document.

7-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 1, wherein the preventing comprises:

storing predetermined content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content if it is determined that the source file is the secured file.

11. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 10, wherein the preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application if it is determined that the source file is not the secured file.

12. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 11, further comprising:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application;

supplying the predetermined content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection if it is determined that the source file is the secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection if it is determined that the source file is not the secured file.

13-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A method for restricting use of a clipboard application, the method comprising:

receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first source application;

storing the designated content to the clipboard application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, wherein the secured file cannot be accessed without ~~a priori knowledge~~ a file key available to an authenticated user, wherein said determining is performed by one or more computers; and

preventing subsequent storage of the designated content to a second destination application via the clipboard application if it is determined that the source file is the secured file.

17. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 16, further comprising storing alternate content to the clipboard application in place of the designated content if it is determined that the source file is the secured file.

18. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 17, wherein the alternate content is one or more of blank content, predetermined content, or scrambled content.

19. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 17, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application if it is determined that the source file is not the secured file.

20. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 16, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application if it is determined that the source file is not the secured file.

21. (Previously Presented) The method recited in claim 20, wherein the determining operates to determine that the source file is the secured file based on security information provided by the first source application.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the security information pertains to the source document.

23 - 39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having computer program code stored thereon, that if executed by a processor, causes the processor to restrict use of a clipboard application by a method comprising:

receiving a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first source application;

storing the designated content to the clipboard application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, wherein the secured file cannot be accessed without ~~a priori knowledge~~ a file key available to an authenticated user; and

preventing subsequent usage of the designated content in a second destination application via the clipboard application if it is determined that the source file is the secured file.

41. (New) The method recited in claim 1, wherein said preventing comprises: storing blank content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content if said determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

42. (New) The method recited in claim 41, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application if said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

43. (New) The method recited in claim 42, wherein said method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application;

supplying the blank content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection if said determining determines that the source file is secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection if said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

44. (New) The method recited in claim 1, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing scrambled content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content if said determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

45. (New) The method recited in claim 44, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application if said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

46. (New) The method recited in claim 45, further comprising:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application;

supplying the scrambled content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection if said determining determines that the source file is a secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection if said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.